



ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES/ GUIDELINES FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY

BASEBALL

1. All Games Will Be Played At Palo Government Center, Palo, Leyte. (Except Notice Re-Change Of Venue Will Be Issued To Concerned Delegation Due To Legitimate Reasons)
2. If A Game Is Called Due To Force Majeure Situations, It Is A Regulation Game If 3 Innings Have Been Completed (Elimination, Quarter, Semifinal Rounds And Battle For 3rd Place) And 5 Innings In The Championship Game Only
 Note: In Case The Game Has Progressed Beyond 3rd Inning (Or 5th Inning) But Has Not Been Completed, The Game Shall Be A "Called Game". The Winner Shall Be The Team That Scored More Runs In The Last Completed Inning.
3. In Any Case That The Weather Condition Shall No Longer Permit/ Allow The Tournament To Be Finished, The Following Measures Shall Be Adopted:
 - a. If 7th Or Higher Rank Has Been Established, The Average Of The Summation Of The Championship Points For Each Of The Remaining Places/Ranks Will Be Considered, Hence, Shared Championship (Co-Champions) Shall Be Declared.
4. Long Hitters Becoming A Runner May Advance At His Own Risk. If A Batted Ball Is Deliberately Touched By Any Player From The Other Diamond, The Batter-Runner Shall Be Entitled To Second Base Only.
5. Scheduled Teams Shall Enter The Restricted Area Only When Called And Advised By The Steward (An Umpire).
6. Spectators/ Team Followers Are Strictly Prohibited To Stay Within Any Restricted Area In The Field.
7. Loitering And Littering Are Strictly Prohibited In The Field And Immediate Vicinities, Coaches Are Responsible In Maintaining Cleanliness And Orderliness In Their Respective "Dug Outs"/ "Bench" During The Game And Before Leaving.
8. In The Event That A Coach Is Incapacitated, A Substitute Is Allowed Provided, The Following Documents Must Be Submitted To The Committee In Charge (Nsac) Before The Start Of The Game.
 - a. Notice Of Substitution From The Head Of Delegation/ Pess Chief
 - b. Designation Of The Substitute Coach From The Head Of Delegation/ Pess Chief
 - c. Medical Certificate Issued By A Government
 - d. Certificate Of Employment (As A Deped Employee) And
 - e. Personal Data Sheet.
9. Procedures On Protest: Shall Follow The General Procedure Of The Palarong Pambansa With The Adoption Of The Following:
 - a. Only The Coach Can File A Protest, Noted By The Head Of Delegation Or His Duly Authorized Representative.
 - b. All Protest On Eligibility Shall Be Addressed To The Chairman Of The National Screening And Accreditation Committee (Nsac) While Protest On Technical Aspect And Conduct Of The Game Shall Be Addressed To The Tournament Manager And Settled Within Their Level Immediately,

- c. A Non-Refundable Protest Fee Of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) Shall Be Paid To The Tournament Manager Thru The Tournament Secretary Before Said Protest Will Be Officially Addressed Upon.

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BASEBALL
(ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY)

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES AND GROUND RULES

The *Official Baseball Rules* shall be followed in all the games. In addition, the following *GROUND RULES* will be applied;

1. Elementary/Secondary Baseball shall be played in *five (5) innings*(during the elimination, quarter finals, consolation, semifinal and final rounds) and *seven (7) innings* in the championship game (game 39) only. The team trailing has the option to concede.
2. The *10-Run Rule* shall be applied in all the games except in the championship game (bottom of 3rd or anytime after the 3rd).
3. There shall *only be thirteen (13) persons* on the bench of each baseball team for the duration of the game, to wit, twelve (12) players and one (1) coach. No trainer shall be allowed to sit on the bench of each baseball team.

Note: Any violation of item #3 would mean the following;

- A. First offense – *warning*
- B. Second offense – *automatic removal of the pitcher from the mound*
- C. If the team persistently/continuously violates this item, *the game shall be forfeited in favor of the other team.*

4. Only *the official coach and a designated player* from the official line-up of the team can direct play during the progress of the game. They should be wearing the same uniform as the other members of the team (shorts/pants and sando are not allowed).
5. The *LAW OF IMMEDIATE SUCCESSION* shall be observed. Only the first game in the morning shall be given fixed scheduled time. Games that follow shall start immediately after the end of each preceding game.
6. A *GRACE PERIOD of fifteen (15) minutes*, base from the time the preceding game has ended shall be observed in declaring any game(s) as forfeited or default.
7. In Elementary Baseball, a *MANDATORY REST PERIOD OF 24 HOURS* shall be imposed to pitchers who have pitched in *FOUR (4) OR MORE INNINGS IN A GAME*. In double headers, a *MANDATORY 1 GAME REST* shall be imposed.
8. It is mandatory for all competing team *to provide their respective teams* with the necessary equipment, such as;
 - Bats
 - Batting helmets/running helmets
 - Shin guards
 - Catcher's mask (preferably with helmet and throat protector)
 - Groin guard
9. In case a coach commits "*A SECOND TRIP TO THE MOUND*" in the same inning, the pitcher shall be removed from the pitching position, but may continue to play in other position in the field (Rule 8.o6-b).
10. The rule on *NO RE-ENTRY* (Rule 3.03) shall be imposed.
11. THERE SHALL BE *NO DESIGNATED HITTER (DH) IN ELEMENTARY BASEBALL*.
12. *MANDATORY "PLAY ALL"*. ALL 12 PLAYERS, ENTERED AS OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM MUST BE FIELDDED EVERYTIME THE TEAM PLAY IN AN SCHEDULED GAME (THE 3 SUBSTITUTES/ALTERNATES MUST BE FIELDDED FOR AT LEAST AN INNING, 3 DEFENSIVE PUT OUTS AND 3 OFFENSIVE PUT OUTS).

Note: IN CASE AN INJURY OCCUR OR PLAYER IS DISQUALIFIED, WHERE, ALL AVAILABLE SUBSTITUTE WERE EXHAUSTED, THE COACH OF THE OTHER TEAM WILL BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO SELECT FROM THE "PLAYERS ON THE BENCH" (BUT NOT A PREVIOUSLY DISQUALIFIED/EJECTED/THROWN OUT PLAYER).

13. BREAKING TIES IN THE ELIMINATION ROUNDS: ALL TIES IN THE ELIMINATION ROUND SHALL BE SETTLED AS FOLLOWS (in order).

a. TWO-WAY TIE

WIN OVER THE OTHER. THE TEAM THAT WON THE GAME(S) BETWEEN TEAMS TIED SHALL BE GIVEN THE HIGHER RANK/POSITION.

b. TRIPLE TIE

- FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED IN THE GAME PLAYED BETWEEN TEAMS TIED.
- MORE RUNS SCORED IN THE GAME PLAYED BETWEEN TEAMS TIED
- DIFFERENCE OF THE NUMBER OF RUNS FOR AND NUMBER OF RUNS AGAINST IN ALL THE GAMES PLAYED BY TEAMS TIED. (# runs for - # of runs against).

Note: if tie still exist, the principle of win over the other shall be applied.

- A COIN FLIP.

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